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Bucs put it up

By Malika James
Courier reporter goes to the first morning of practice for the roundball team...

My morning started at 5 a.m. to do an interview with the Shelton State men's basketball team. Of course this time of morning is not a student's ideal schedule for a Friday. However I was interested in observing how well a basketball team could perform at a 5 a.m. practice.

"You showed up," said Head Coach Barry Mohun. To

his surprise I arrived at the gym at 5:15 a.m. ready to ask questions and observe the team. After getting over the fact that I actually arrived, Mohun and I got straight to business. I quickly learned that not only does Shelton State have 11 new players and three key sophomores there is also a new assistant coach. After playing from 1995-1997, Timothy Law decided to come back and become an assistant coach. "Because I am a younger coach the players a I can relate. I believe I will bring intensity to the team.

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Matthew Brown takes a shot during the opening expedition game against Brewer-Porch Children Center staff on Oct. 18.

Nominate Homecoming Queen 2002

Nominations for Shelton State's 2002 homecoming queen are now be accepted from student organizations, college departments, individual classes or individuals.

Applications may be picked up in the Counseling Center on the Martin Campus and in the Main Office of the Fredd Campus.

Deadline for nominations is Nov. 1 at noon. Applications should be turned in to the Public Relations Department.

Shelton's big leaguer nominated for JC Hall of Fame

By Jonathan King

Every boy who puts on a mitt and laces up cleats to walk out on the field has a dream. A dream of bigger things: that one day, the lines on the field will be made of real chalk. One day the t-shirt jersey he wears now will be replaced by pinstripes. And one day, the chain-link fences would be replaced by the bleachers of

Yankee stadium. For most, dreams of the big leagues fade like the color in the old little league jerseys, but for Russ Davis, those dreams became reality.

After a productive and varied career in the Major Leagues, Davis has retired to Birmingham and has now been nominated by the college for

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Russ Davis

Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Height: 6-0
Weight: 195 lbs
Positions: 3rd Baseman, 1st Baseman, Designated Hitter, Left Fielder, Shortstop
Born: Sept. 13, 1969, Birmingham, Ala.
College: Shelton State

The Big Leaguers website lists Shelton State as Davis's college of record.

Ever so close—reporter stays in hot pursuit

By Jonathan King

It's getting bad. I have had to slip notes to my co-writers through the door, and the chances of me getting back the Spanish class folder I left in the newsroom are slim to none.

Two weeks ago the Courier sent me on a mission. I was to hunt down the leading two candidates in Alabama's current gubernatorial race, and not come back 'til I had gotten interviews with them both. But face time with a candidate for governor with less than a month

Corralling the Candidates



Democrat Don Siegelman

before the election is like passing Math 100 (for me at least).

So there I was, banished until I at least spoke with one. Contact with Bob Riley's campaign had



Republican Bob Riley

been as frequent as an A on my transcript. Every time I called their headquarters, the secretary always told me the same thing: "the press contact is out" we'll have him call

you."

The reader might remember that I had become acquainted with a Siegelman staffer named Marion. While, in earlier dealings, Marion had held me back in my quest somewhat, she seemed to be really coming through for me. "Siegelman," she explained, "will be in Tuscaloosa for Alabama's Homecoming."

She went on to explain the procedure I would have to follow in order to get my few minutes in, and it made the computer room scene from *Mission Impossible* look like

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Gouge O'Life

By Ben Herdman

And finally, a nod to Nietzsche

The last of a three-part series about our hero's recent trip to the west coast

LOS ANGELES — My rock band's trip to LA had been a total disaster. All we wanted to do was create the CD that would top the charts, but the real challenge wasn't composing the album or putting up with the corporate tyrants, but instead, putting up with each other.

We were entering our third week of being stuffed into that little hotel room. We were broke, starved, and deprived of freedom. Two of our five-party outfit had already gone off the deep end, and it was only a matter of time before the rest of us were sucked into that same psychotic abyss.

Day 14: I hadn't had a decent night's sleep in 81 hours, and I was having devilish thoughts again. While the others slept I found myself in the hotel corridor, staring at the axe behind the glass again. "Break in Case of Emergency." Well, I had three emergencies fast asleep in the room behind me that needed to be rectified right away. For three nights

that axe had been the icon of my salvation and freedom. I salivated at the sight of the wonderful instrument, and my eyes were glazed over with a driving madness as demented plans slithered through my tired mind.

I felt a tap on my shoulder, and I whipped my head around in paranoia. It was Valerie, the sweet girl that worked the front desk. "Benny," she said in dismay, "What are you up to? You look a kind'a crazed." I just looked at her in a blurry daze. "You know, you have pretty lips when they're not covered in foam," she said with a smile. "You look like you need some sleep." I gradually snapped out of my altered state and began to explain my situation. She walked me into the lobby and gave me a cup of coffee. Valerie's hospitality pulled me out of my insanity and I felt like I could rest, finally. I bade her good night, trudged up to my room, and blacked out.

Day 15: I was awakened by the Preacher Man. "Get up, dude, get up!" he said with excitement. "We got to get to the airport. Our flight home leaves soon." What's this? Flight home?



Illustration by Abbot

I didn't even know. Had I been that withdrawn? "Well, then, let's get out of here!" I was so excited. The trip was over.

I arrived home and plopped down on my bed. I wore the biggest grin as I sunk my head into the pillow and shut those bloodshot eyes.

The very minute I woke I called up the guys and informed them of my resignation. No amount of money or beautiful women would have me lead such a nerve-racking life.

Although the experience was hellishly detrimental to my psyche there was still a valuable lesson to be learned from it all: that which does not kill us only makes us stranger.

Off the Shelf . . .

By Glen Johnson

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

Stephen King swears it's his last and now we'll get to see if he goes out with a bang or a whimper. The book is called *From a Buick 8*. The car of the title is being kept locked up by the police in rural Pennsylvania. Why? Because people who get too close end up vanishing. Sounds like vintage King to me.

The foggy streets of San Francisco is the setting for Catherine Coulter's latest FBI thriller *Eleventh Hour*. When

FBI agent Dane Carver finds that his brother (identical twin brother at that) has been viciously murdered, he enlists the aid of a husband-and-wife team, agents Savich and Sherlock, to help him find the killer.

Versailles, Kathryn Davis's recent biography of Marie Antoinette, glitters with the pomp and splendor of that bygone era. Beginning with her first meeting, at age 14, with the future Louis XVI, *Versailles* follows her to the steps of the guillotine in a style that is at once entertaining and thought provoking.

Phi Theta Kappa Events

Movie Night: Nov. 5, D-Room; 6:15 p.m. members-only meeting; 6:45, pizza fellowship; everyone invited to Honors Topic Movie: *Erin Brochovich*; speaker: Lee Albritton
Halloween Fellowship: Oct. 19, Savage House;

PTK members meet a Shelton's atrium at 5:45 p.m. "Wear Costumes!"

Remember, Phi Theta Kappa members, the regular meeting time is every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Room 2413.

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



One of the most familiar small clusters of stars—the seven sisters—is back in the nighttime sky. To locate these seven stars that form a small grouping, simply look on the eastern horizon a couple of hours after sunset.

The Seven sisters are officially referred to as the Pleiades and are located in the constellation Taurus, the bull. By looking at them with a pair of binoculars, one can tell that this cluster

is made up of about a dozen stars.

Astronomers refer to this type of cluster as an open star cluster because it contains so few stars as opposed to globular star cluster that can have as many as a million stars. If one has a very dark sky when observing the Pleiades with binoculars, one will notice a faint glow around the brightest stars. This is called a reflection nebula and is a cloud of gas surrounding the stars that is primarily made of hydrogen.

Sisters of the Night Sky

The arrival of the Seven Sisters means the mighty hunter—Orion—is only a month away. Orion is one of the most notable constellations of winter. Of course the changing constellations are caused by Earth's year-long orbit of the Sun. As we revolve around the Sun, we see different constellations at different times of the year.

Keep looking up and catch the Seven sisters whose presence in the night sky reminds us that winter is not far away.

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the Alabama Junior College Hall of Fame. If his coach has it his way, the news of his acceptance will be gratifying. "Russ has done a lot for the program and the college. He has represented us so well," said Coach Bobby Sprowl, who was also Davis's coach. "We are so proud of the way he has conducted himself through his professional career." Russ Davis began receiving accolades for his talented play in high school. Attending Hueytown H.S., he earned MVP honors and all-county honors his senior year. Davis then went on to play for Shelton State Community College.

In his freshman year at Shelton State, he led the team to a runner-up finish in the state tournament, a 35-7 record overall, and an unbelievable 20-0 division record. He also set a Shelton State homerun record for one season with 14 homeruns, a record that still stands. He also batted .347 for the season with 46 RBI. Because of his play, he was selected to the 1988 all-conference team. Scout Bob Hartsfield, who would later become the scouting director for the San Francisco Giants, was working at the time for the New York Yankees, and had been watching Davis closely. Even though Davis had only completed his freshman year, Hartsfield had seen enough. Davis was drafted in the 29th round and assigned to the Yankees' farm club system, where he gained a great deal of experience. Between the years of 1992-94 he hit 22, 26, and 25 homeruns in the minors, gaining a name for himself as a power-hitting third baseman.

In 1994 the dream came true, as he stepped onto the field in the Bronx to play for the New York Yankees in his major league debut. He had been called up as a defensive replacement for the legendary Don Mattingly. After that he split much of his time between triple-A Columbus and New York.

On May 23 of 1995, he broke up Chuck Finley's perfect game with a lead-off triple in the late innings. Later that year on June 28, Davis hit his first big-league home run off then-Detroit-pitcher David Wells.

The off-season that followed found Davis involved in a trade to the Seattle Mariners for all-star, and-soon-to-be-Yankee-great, Tino Martinez. An early injury cut a promising season short in '96, but not

before some opening night heroics by Davis. A late inning double in the first game of the season by the Shelton alum drove in the tying runs that would cap the biggest comeback in Mariner history.

In 1997, Davis continued his opening day brilliance by hitting a homerun off his former team, the New York Yankees. That game began a 13-game hitting streak that would be a career high for the former Buccaneer.

1998 was a career year for the player reaching his prime. He posted career best in four categories including: games (144), runs (68), doubles (30), and nearly eclipsed his career total for RBI (94) with 82 on the season. He also added some power at the plate with three two-homerun games on his way to 20 for the season. His offensive outburst led *The Sporting News* to name him the AL West 3rd baseman in its post-season wrap-up.

Davis continued to excel at the plate in '99, setting a career high for Homeruns (21). He also began the season with an eight-game hitting streak, and on May 3, had another two-homerun game, the fifth of his career. He also holds the distinction as the very first player to hit a homerun at Seattle's SAFECO Field. Although his offensive stats were impressive, he also showed stellar abilities in the field. Davis committed only 12 errors in 124 games, giving him a .959 fielding percentage and placing him third among AL third baseman in that category.

He was traded in 2000 to the San Francisco Giants where he helped tailor the abilities of upcoming rookie third baseman Pedro Feliz. The distance from his family and personal matters convinced Davis to retire in 2001. He now resides in Birmingham with his wife Adryne and their children.

Shelton State was a stepping stone to success for a talented ball player who never stopped dreaming of bigger things.

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We've got some great players and I'm ready to start the season," said Law.

When asked about key players that fans should be on the look out for both coaches were anxious to name returning players Ronald Jenkins, Tim Lewis, Jamar Hill, and Adrian Harris. As for new comers Pat Culver, JoJo Martin, Jeremy Law, Kareem Ward, and Jeff Sullivan. "With our team this year we have the potential to be as good if not better than last year if all the pieces come together. Overall were quicker and we can pressure teams more," said Mohun.

"It feels good playing with a lot of good guys. I feel it will be a nice experience for me to go to a D1 (Division I) level," said freshman JoJo Martin. Returning player Adrian Harris is excited about the new members of the team this year. "We have some great guys coming in. I've noticed that the team is a lot quicker and stronger." Tim Lewis, a returning sophomore believes that this year's team is working together. "We have more of a family atmosphere this year along with some high expectations," said Lewis. Along with a family atmosphere I learned that the team has a curfew that includes 10:30 p.m. on weeknights and 1:30 a.m. weekends.

At the sound of Mohun's whistle each player tucked in their jerseys and stood in a single file line. The team began to run up and down the court dribbling the ball, shooting, blocking and throwing passes. For a 5 a.m. practice the team looked great. I can only agree with Tim Lewis's statement, "I think we will go far this year. This will be a year for me and my team."

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Sports



—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Lady Bucs point to regionals as season ends

By Robert Milz

The Lady Buccaneers season is now 6-6-3. The Buc season's end is rapidly approaching and with it so does the Women's Soccer Championship. The Bucs will be playing Mississippi for regional and Georgia will play North Carolina. If the Bucs win regional they will go on to national.

Since Oct. 8 the Bucs have played five games: Andrew college win 1-0, Darton college 1-1, Truett McConnell won 6-3, Gordon college loss 6-0. On Oct. 18 the Bucs Miss. Gulf game was cancelled and has been re-scheduled for Oct. 25.

The Bucs have beat Miss. Gulf every time they have played them. On Oct. 19 the Bucs played Hiwasee and lost 6-1. Michelle Khalilian made the only goal.

The Bucs would not comment on the Oct. 19 game. When asked about this season's overall performance, Nina Buckelew said, "We've struggled but yet we've overcome the obstacles of injuries and being a fairly new team."

She also said she would not be playing next year. When asked if she would return next year, Barbie Batey said, "Of course, I love the people and the coach. She understands you have a life besides soccer, and she cares more about the players than the game."

Batey also said, "We have great dynamics on and off the field. Next year we will be the dream team!"

The Lady Bucs continue to practice hard for the upcoming matches. This season, has been one of definite strife for the Bucs. Yet, every teammate and the coach seem to have high hopes for the future.



Barbie Batey and Michelle Khalilian work on an offense drill during a recent Lady Bucs practice.
Photo by Robert Milz

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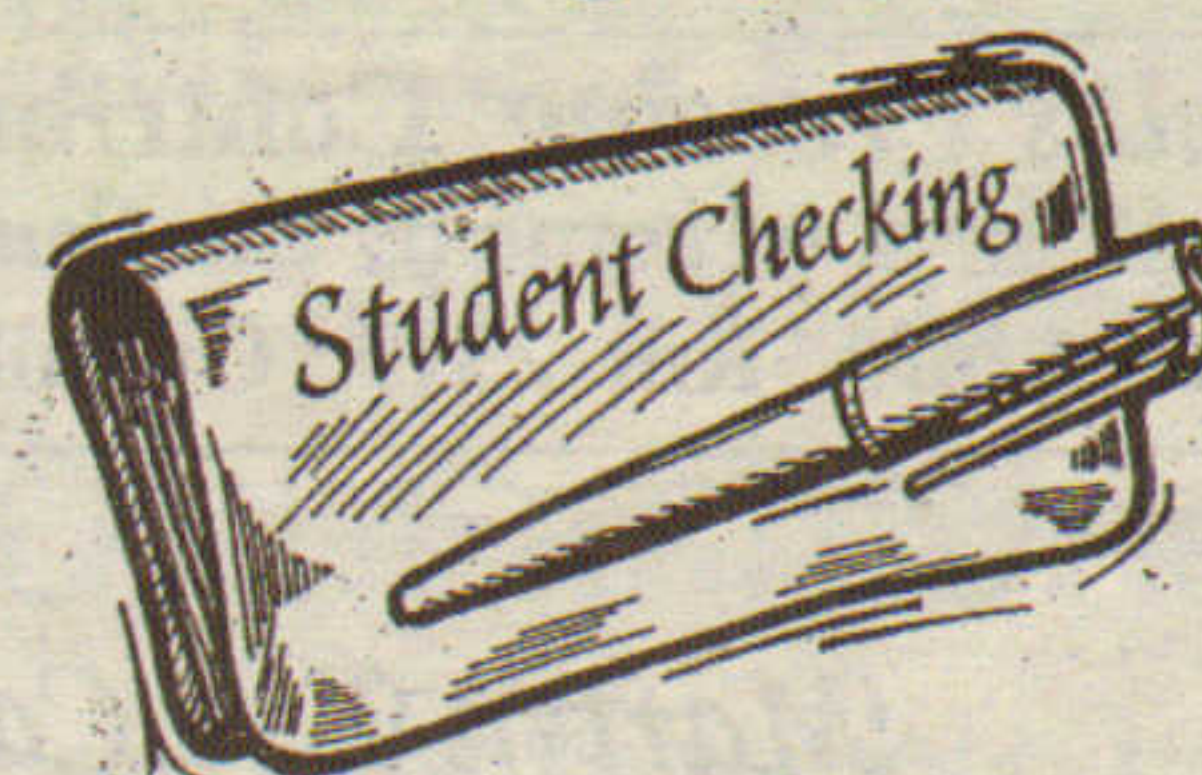
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child's play. First of all, he would be at the game: I needed a ticket. Check. He would only be in the game until half-time, so I would either speak with him before the game or as he left the stadium. If we were to meet, Siegelman's right-hand man would call my cell phone and have me meet them at the given location while they were on the move.

At this point, I envisioned all of Siegelman's campaign staff surrounding a speaker phone, listening to Marion run me in circles, and holding their mouths to hide belly-laughs. At last, I met all their requirements, and on game day I was ready. I waited at a friend's house, tape recorder in one hand, cell phone in another, and a camera in my pocket. I ran through the questions I would ask him over and over. Kickoff came and went. "Okay, that means a half-time interview," I convinced myself. The first half came to a finish, and I began to drive toward the stadium. It turned out to be useless. No call. No interview.

No Spanish folder for two more weeks. But just like the last near miss, irony swatted me right in the kisser. I had passed up a chance to march into the stadium with the Alumni Million Dollar Band (of which my step-father is a member) like I had for many years, for an opportunity to interview Siegelman. Little did I know that Siegelman was not in a skybox at the game. He was on the field! Right where I

would've been with my stepdad.

My goal is not only to speak with the candidates, but to clear up the issues they support. What the candidates truly support is unclear because of what has turned into the mud-slinging race of the year.

"It's been rather negative," retired U of A professor William Stewart told the press. "There's not much of a healthy dose of issues....they're focused on extraneous things."

The attacks on each candidate are aimed at convincing the 10 percent of undecided voters in the state who, analysts of the *Birmingham News* say, will decide the upcoming election.

Bob Riley's campaign is basically run on the criticism of Siegelman, with a campaign slogan "Honest Change."

Siegelman, despite having it voted down in his first attempt, is again running on the premise of a state lottery in Alabama. He also has a four-point plan for school funding, which is dependent on the lottery being passed, and out-of-state corporations paying a school-funding tax.

The runaround from the campaign offices has driven me (careful not to sound crazy) to take matters into my own hands. I will search down both candidates, no matter how far or wide I must travel. Don Siegelman has been as elusive as an undergrad when the landlord comes to collect rent. And I'm still waiting for Bob Riley to call.

Students download movies to freeload entertainment

By Michael W. Gordon

What are you watching? A better question might be: how are you watching it? If you are going to the theater or renting your favorite movie you might be in danger of falling behind. With a couple of clicks from your mouse you could be downloading your favorite flicks right to your home. Many people are watching movies online. "It's easy," says Heather Curry, a Shelton student who downloads movies quite often.

It is possible to download old movies, new releases, and movies that are on the big screen. Rex Bullington, another Shelton student, told me he watched *Spider-Man* before it hit the theaters. "You might put up with a small advertisement in the corner," said Bullington. But it is pretty cool to watch a movie when the trailers have only been playing for a week.

If you aren't already downloading movies you are probably thinking this sounds good except for one thing. How many people really want to sit behind

their computers for one-and-a-half to three hours watching a movie? This problem can be solved, too. There are many options to get your P.C. hooked up to your home entertainment center. There are video and sound cards that will give you an output which can be sent to your television. You might already have this capability without realizing it. Another option is a DVD burner. After you have downloaded the movie, you can copy it to a disc and add it to your video library.

You still might think: "I like setting in front of the big screen with a super sized drink, a box of goobers, and a bucket of popcorn." Then you will still have to leave the house for that kind of entertainment.

But if you are interested just type in movies online on whatever browser you use and a world of movies will be at your finger tips.

A tip from the movie viewers I have spoke with is if you aren't on DSL, cable or some kind of high-speed Internet, don't try any lengthy downloads.

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Shelton honors faculty & staff

On Oct. 16, 12 individuals and three college teams were recognized during the college's Breakfast of Champions. The breakfast is a part of the Shelton State Jubilee, the college's 50th anniversary celebration, and is one of a number of activities planned for Quality Month at Shelton State. The guest speaker was Sarah Patterson, University of Alabama gymnastics coach and assistant athletic director.

"We are extremely proud of many accomplishments of our faculty, staff and students and want to take this opportunity to let them know how much we appreciate their hard work, determination and winning attitudes," said Rick Rogers, Shelton president.

Breakfast of Honorees included:

•Sara Brenizer: Chancellor's Award nominee 2002 for Academic Faculty and Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology, Center for Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

•Pam Davis: Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2002;

•Georita Griffin: Chancellor's Award Nominee 2002 — Technical Faculty;

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•Jimmy Osmore: Man of the Year, Tuscaloosa Baptist Association and Leadership Award 2002, Alabama Council for Development Disabilities;

•Quality SI Team 5, Chuck Boening, chair: Bronze Award, Alabama Quality Awards Team Showcase;

•Jeanette Robertson: Druid City Arts Award — Arts Council of Tuscaloosa;

•Shelton State Quality Council, Kim Smith, chair: Silver Award — Alabama Quality Awards Team Showcase;

•Fran Turner: NISOD Excellence Award;

•Women's Basketball Team, Madonna Thompson, coach: AJCCC Division II Champions;

•Cordell Wynn: Alabama Academy of Honor Inductee, Class of 2002 and Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame Inductee.

Scholarship established for Hale County students

Eastman Resins, Inc. will soon assist students from Hale County enrolled at Shelton State Community College with fulfilling their goal of a college education by establishing The Eastman Resins, Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The Eastman Resins, Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund will be available beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year to students from Hale County who are enrolled full-time and have an overall 3.0/4.0 grade point average for their senior year of high school. This annual scholarship carries an award value ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per year for one year and will be applied toward tuition, fees, books or supplies of the recipient. Students may apply for this scholarship by completing the Foundation Scholarship Application by March 15, 2003. There are currently 280 students from Hale County attending Shelton State.

"We here at Shelton State are extremely excited about the opportunity that this will afford well deserving students from Hale County and greatly appreciate the generosity of Eastman Resins Inc.," Rogers said.



Karen Rowell, a representative from Eastman Resins Inc. presents Shelton President Rick Rogers with a scholarship check on Oct. 15 at the school.

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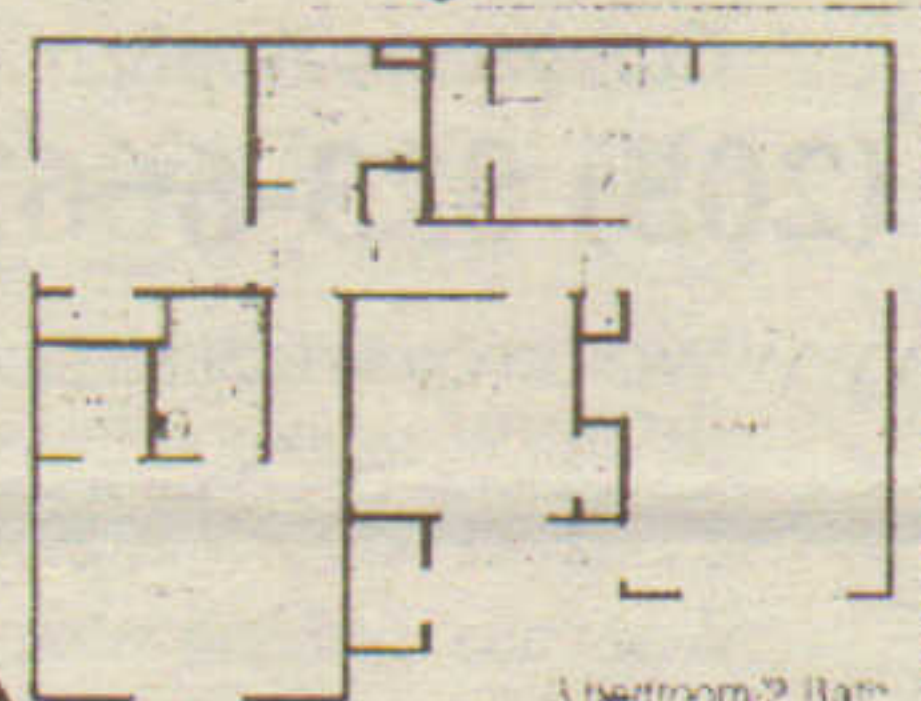
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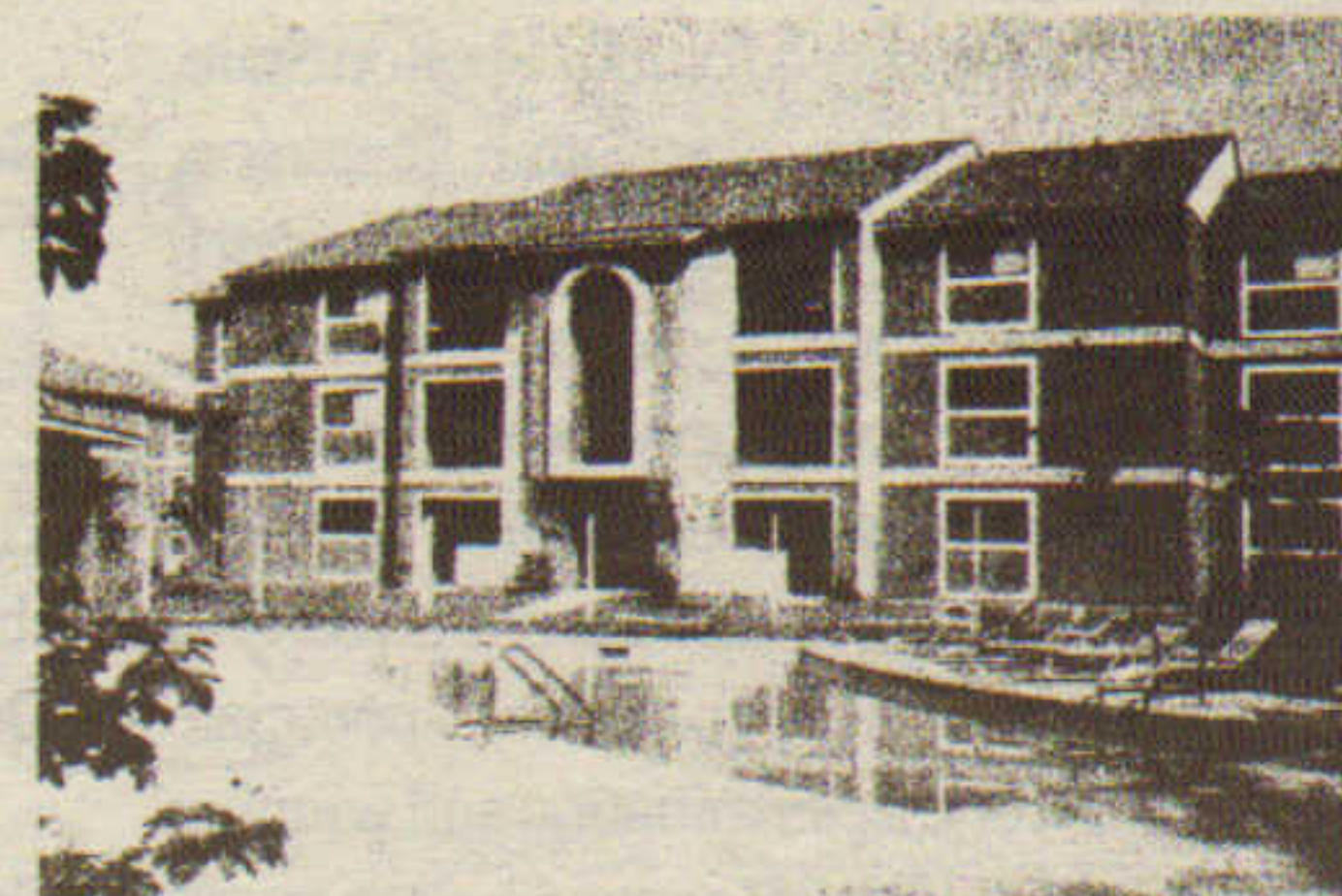
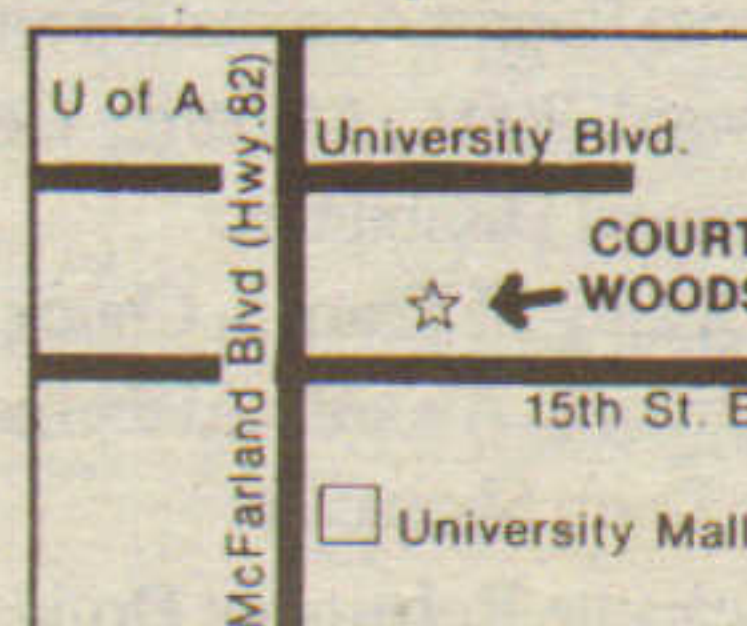
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